

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A toner for developing electrostatic latent images, having:
a volume-average particle size of 3 to 7 μm ,
an average degree of roundness of 0.960 to 0.995,
a standard deviation of the degree of roundness of not more than 0.04, and
surface properties D/d_{50} that satisfy the following conditional expression,
wherein ~~0.001 to 0.4~~ 0.005 to 0.015 % by weight of fatty acid metal salt that
has a volume-average particle size of 1.5 to 12 μm is externally added;

$$D/d_{50} \geq 0.40$$

in which $D = 6 / (p \cdot S)$, (p is a true density (g/cm^3) of toner particles, S is a BET specific surface area (m^2/g) of toner particles), and d_{50} represents a weight-average particle size (μm) of the toner particles.

2. (Original) The toner of Claim 1, wherein the fatty-acid metal salt is calcium stearate.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The toner of Claim 1, comprising a binder resin having:
a glass transition temperature of 50 to 75°C,
a softening point of 80 to 160°C,
a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 to 30,000 and
a ratio of weight-average molecular weight/number-average molecular weight
of 2 to 100.

7. (Original) The toner of Claim 1, comprising a binder resin having:
a glass transition temperature of 50 to 75°C,
a softening point of 80 to 120°C,
a number-average molecular weight of 2,500 to 30,000 and
a ratio of weight-average molecular weight/number-average molecular weight
of 2 to 20.

8. (Original) The toner of Claim 1, wherein the toner is prepared by a wet
method and subjected to a heat treatment to have a globular shape.

9. (Original) The toner of Claim 8, wherein the heat treatment is an
instantaneous heat treatment by applying heat to toner particles in hot air flow.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The toner of Claim 1, wherein the toner is a non-magnetic toner.

12. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the fatty acid metal salt has a volume-average-particle size of 2 to 10 μm .

22. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the fatty acid metal salt has a melting point of 100 to 150°C.

23. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the fatty acid metal salt includes at least one of calcium stearate, zinc stearate or magnesium stearate.

24. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the average degree of roundness is 0.970 to 0.990.

25. (New) The toner of claim 24, wherein the standard deviation of the degree of roundness is 0.01 to 0.035.

26. (New) The toner of claim 25, wherein the surface properties satisfy the following conditions: $0.7 \geq D/d_{50} \geq 0.45$.

27. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the standard deviation of the degree of roundness is 0.01 to 0.035.

28. (New) The toner of claim 1, wherein the surface properties satisfy the following conditions:

$$0.8 \geq D/d50 \geq 0.40.$$

29. (New) The toner of claim 1, comprising a first binder resin and a second binder resin having a different softening point from the first binder resin.

30. (New) The toner of claim 29, wherein the first binder resin has a softening point of 80 to 125°C and the second binder resin has a softening point of 125 to 160°C.

31. (New) A non-magnetic mono-component developer for developing electrostatic latent images, having a volume-average particle size of 3 to 7 μm , an average degree of roundness of 0.960 to 0.995, a standard deviation of the degree of roundness of not more than 0.04, and surface properties $D/d50$ that satisfy the following conditional expression, wherein 0.005 to 0.015% by weight of fatty acid metal salt that has a volume-average particle size of 1.5 to 12 μm is externally added, $D/d50 \geq 0.40$ in which $D=6/(pS)$ (p is a true density (g/cm^3) of toner particles, S is a BET specific surface area (m^2/g) of toner particles), and $d50$ represents a weight-average particle size (μm) of the toner particles.

32. (New) The developer of claim 30, wherein the fatty acid metal salt has a volume-average-particle size of 2 to 10 μm , the average degree of roundness is 0.970 to 0.990, the standard deviation of the degree of roundness is 0.01 to 0.035 and the surface properties satisfy the following conditions: $0.7 \geq D/d_{50} \geq 0.45$.

33. (New) The developer of claim 32, comprising a first binder resin and a second binder resin having a different softening point from the first binder resin in a weight ratio of the first binder resin to the second binder resin of 8:2-2:8.